

tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 5 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me say, first of all, the discussions on the very important tax reduction bill that the Nation is so excited about are continuing.

Members should be advised, Mr. Speaker, that we would expect no votes on the floor of the House before 4 p.m. tomorrow. Members should be here ready to vote by 4 p.m. in the afternoon tomorrow.

Members should be prepared, when they present themselves here at 4 p.m., to remain here in town available for votes throughout the evening and throughout Saturday. Hopefully, it will not be necessary beyond that, but Members should return for those votes and be prepared to stay here in town to complete the work through the remainder of the day, the evening and through Saturday.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage Members if they are planning on traveling at all, if they are planning on taking a short jaunt back home, and I hope they can, that they check with the Whip's office or with the cloakroom so that we are able to notify you.

In any event, we will be on the floor. We will be doing business at 4 p.m. tomorrow, and it is the intention of the

House and the other body for us to then continue the work until it is completed in both bodies throughout whatever period of time after 4 p.m. tomorrow it takes to complete the work.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Members for their cooperation and, I might add, their good humor. These are difficult times. We all have important things we would like to do back home that we have been planning to do at home. We have, of course, time with our family that is so important to all of us.

The Members on this occasion are being called upon to do, as it were, extra, difficult work, extra, difficult hours, the reward being, of course, to all the tax-paying constituents in their district.

Mr. Speaker, I, for one, would like to just appreciate everybody for their good humor and their good work.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 24, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 24, 2001 at 2:58 p.m.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 801.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk of the House.

VETERANS OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 801) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes,

with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

Sec. 3. Eligibility for benefits under CHAMPVA for veterans' survivors who are eligible for hospital insurance benefits under the medicare program.

Sec. 4. Family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Sec. 5. Retroactive applicability of increase in maximum SGLI benefit for members dying in performance of duty on or after October 1, 2000.

Sec. 6. Expansion of outreach efforts to eligible dependents.

Sec. 7. Technical amendments to the Montgomery GI Bill statute.

Sec. 8. Miscellaneous technical amendments.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER CHAMPVA FOR VETERANS' SURVIVORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPITAL INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

Subsection (d) of section 1713 is amended to read as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) An individual otherwise eligible for medical care under this section who is also entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of the medicare program is eligible for medical care under this section only if the individual is also enrolled in the supplementary medical insurance program under part B of the medicare program.

"(B) The limitation in subparagraph (A) does not apply to an individual who—

"(i) has attained 65 years of age as of the date of the enactment of the Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001; and

"(ii) is not enrolled in the supplementary medical insurance program under part B of the medicare program as of that date.

"(2) Subject to paragraph (3), if an individual described in paragraph (1) receives medical care for which payment may be made under both this section and the medicare program, the amount payable for such medical care under this section shall be the amount by which (A) the costs for such medical care exceed (B) the sum of—

"(i) the amount payable for such medical care under the medicare program; and

"(ii) the total amount paid or payable for such medical care by third party payers other than the medicare program.

"(3) The amount payable under this subsection for medical care may not exceed the total amount that would be paid under subsection (b) if payment for such medical care were made solely under subsection (b).

"(4) In this paragraph:

"(A) The term 'medicare program' means the program of health insurance administered by